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TAGS: OVIP (VANCE, CYRUS), PFOR, LE
SUBJ: SECVISIT TO LEBANON

REF: BEIRUT 656, STATE 30707

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PRESS RELEASE ON
DOLS. 50 MILLION RELIEF AND REHABILITATION
PROGRAM WHICH WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT END OF
SECRETARY'S VISIT TO BEIRUT. YOU MAY SHARE
THIS WITH BOUTROS BUT CAUTION HIM THAT IT
IS SUBJECT TO LAST MINUTE CHANGES. IT SHOULD
BE HELD CLOSELY WITHIN GOL.

2. EMBASSY SHOULD REPRODUCE STATEMENT AND
HAVE IT AVAILABLE FOR PARTY ON ARRIVAL.
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3. STATEMENT ON RELIEF ASSISTANCE:

BEGIN TEXT: SECRETARY OF STATE VANCE ANNOUNCED IN
BEIRUT TODAY THAT THE UNITED STATES PLANS TO PROVIDE
AN ADDITIONAL \$50 MILLION OVER THE NEXT FEW MONTHS IN
SUPPORT OF RELIEF AND REHABILITATION EFFORTS IN
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LEBANON. THE ANNOUNCEMENT CAME FOLLOWING CONSULTATIONS
BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS AND THE REPORT OF A TEAM
OF EXPERTS FROM THE AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT
WHICH VISITED LEBANON TO ASSESS DAMAGES CAUSED BY
NINETEEN MONTHS OF CIVIL STRIFE. THE \$50 MILLION
ANNOUNCED TODAY WILL BRING THE U.S. CONTRIBUTION OF
HUMANITARIAN AND RELIEF AID TO LEBANON TO NEARLY \$69

MILLION SINCE OCTOBER 1975.

THE \$50 MILLION PACKAGE WILL INCLUDE:

-- \$20 MILLION FOR A PL-480 TITLE I FOOD AID PROGRAM;

-- \$5 MILLION TO REACTIVATE THE PORT OF BEIRUT SO THAT IT CAN HANDLE EMERGENCY RELIEF, REHABILITATION AND RECONSTRUCTION GOODS.

-- \$19.5 MILLION IN FINANCING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN HOUSING REPAIR, REHABILITATION AND RECONSTRUCTION. (\$15 MILLION OF THIS WILL BE PROVIDED UNDER AID'S HOUSING INVESTMENT GUARANTEE PROGRAM);

-- \$4 MILLION FOR MEDICAL SUPPLIES;

-- \$1.5 MILLION FOR OTHER RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ACTIVITIES THAT WILL BE JOINTLY SELECTED OVER THE NEXT FOUR MONTHS.

THE PL-480 TITLE I PROGRAM, NOW UNDER CONGRESSIONAL REVIEW, WILL PROVIDE WHEAT, RICE, AND OTHER BASIC COMMODITIES, TO HELP MEET LEBANESE FOOD REQUIREMENTS. THE HOUSING PROGRAM, IN WHICH WORK HAS ALREADY BEGUN, WILL HELP TO MEET SHORT-TERM NEEDS FOR HOUSING RENOVATION AND REPAIR, AND ALSO WILL HELP TO FINANCE NEW LOW COST HOUSING CONSTRUCTION FOR DISPLACED PERSONS. MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES WILL BE CONFIDENTIAL

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PROVIDED TO REPLENISH THE DEPLETED STOCKS OF LEBANESE HOSPITALS AND HEALTH CLINICS, INCLUDING THE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL. EQUIPMENT, PORTIONS OF WHICH ARE ALREADY ENROUTE TO LEBANON, WILL BE EMPLOYED TO HELP PUT THE PORT BACK INTO OPERATION. IN THAT WAY, THE PORT WILL BE ABLE TO HANDLE A GREATER VOLUME OF INCOMING RELIEF AND RECONSTRUCTION SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS.

THE \$19 MILLION ASSISTANCE PROVIDED TO LEBANON DURING THE PAST 18 MONTHS WAS USED MAINLY TO PROVIDE MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND FOOD. END TEXT.
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